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OFFICE: CLASS: REFERENCES
DALLAS, TEXAS
(Dallas)

DATE: September 10, 1968

CASE NO. 275-02[illegible]

SUBJECT
Mailing of firearms to allegedly fictitious name "M. Hidell".

DATE: SEP 1 1968

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Report of Postal Inspector: R. M. Chapin

Postal Inspector in Charge, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

1. As requested, KRLD-TV News [redacted] and Main Office Window Clerk Charles Britton were interviewed at Dallas, Texas, on September 9, 1968, concerning P. O. Box 2173.

2. Clerk Charles Britton, who rented Box 2173 to [redacted] on July 18, 1968, said that neither the Dallas postmaster nor anyone else had talked to him about renting a post office box to [redacted]

3. [redacted] was interviewed in his office concerning his conversation with Dallas Postmaster W. B. Hudson in the early part of July, 1968, regarding the possible use of a post office box for obtaining firearms. [redacted] said that he telephoned Mr. Hudson and, acting in behalf of CBS Newsman [redacted], wanted to rent a post office box at the main office to determine if firearms can still be sent through the mails. [redacted] said he told Mr. Hudson that he wanted to rent the same lock box which Lee Harvey Oswald used in obtaining a firearm through the mail. [redacted] said that Postmaster Hudson telephoned him back and told him that this box was rented and therefore not available. [redacted] was asked if Postmaster Hudson approved or disapproved of his plan. [redacted] replied that he didn't remember. I told [redacted] that Postmaster Hudson had said that he tried to discourage him from renting a post office box for the purpose of receiving firearms. [redacted] replied "that may very well be true. - I don't remember". [redacted] remarked that he receives approximately 60 telephone calls daily and cannot recall the details of each telephonic conversation. [redacted] said that as far as he knows, Mr. Hudson was not aware that [redacted] had rented P. O. Box 2173".

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OFFICE: CLASS: REFERENCES: DALLAS, TEXAS 75221 (Dallas)

DATE: September 5, 1968

CASE NO.: 375-03756-E

SUBJECT: Mailing of firearm to allegedly fictitious name "A. Hidell".

71A 5303
Box 70

DATE: SEP 6 1968 INITIALS:

Report of Postal Inspector: K. M. Chapin

Postal Inspector in Charge: Fort Worth, Texas 76101

1. As you requested, [redacted], KRLD-TV, Dallas, was interviewed by me in his office on September 5, 1968. The purpose of the interview was to determine the condition of CBS Newscaster [redacted] who suffered a heart attack during the recent Democratic convention in Chicago.

2. [redacted] said that he was in New York on September 4, 1968 and talked to [redacted] of CBS News. [redacted] said that [redacted] told him that [redacted] is a patient at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, where he is expected to remain five to six weeks.

3. [redacted] was asked by me if he had received a letter from the Dallas postmaster concerning the withholding of mail addressed to [redacted] He said he had not picked up his mail for several days and had not received the letter. The contents of the letter were made known to him. He commented "it does not really matter - we have already made our point". As he said this, he pointed to the three cartons on the floor near his desk, each containing a rifle. These are the three rifles shipped by Railway Express mentioned in my previous report.

4. [redacted] was very congenial and cooperative during the interview.

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